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# prove verb

'prüv ◀▶

**proved; proved or proven** 'prü-vən ◀▶ *British also* 'prō- ; **proving**

'prü-vīŋ ◀▶

[Synonyms of prove >](#)*transitive verb*

**1 a :** to establish the existence, truth, or validity of (as by evidence or logic)

*prove* a theorem

the charges were never *proved* in court

**b :** to demonstrate as having a particular quality or worth

*proved* herself a great actress

the vaccine has been *proven* effective after years of tests

**2 :** to show (oneself) to be worthy or capable

eager to *prove* myself in the new job

**3 a :** to test the truth, validity, or genuineness of

the exception *proves* the rule

*prove* a will at probate

**b :** to test the worth or quality of

*specifically* : to compare against a standard → sometimes used with *up* or *out*

**c :** to check the correctness of (something, such as an arithmetic result)

**4 archaic :** to learn or find out by experience

*intransitive verb*

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L	O	V	E	R
P	L	A	Y	S
D	A	I	L	Y

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## *proved or proven?*: Usage Guide

The past participle *proven*, originally the past participle of *prove*, a Middle English variant of *prove* that survived in Scotland, has gradually worked its way into standard English over the past three and a half centuries. It seems to have first become established in legal use and to have come only slowly into literary use. Tennyson was one of its earliest frequent users, probably for metrical reasons. It was disapproved by 19th century grammarians, one of whom included it in a list of "words that are not words." Surveys made some 50 or 60 years ago indicated that *proved* was about four times as frequent as *proven*. But our evidence from the last 30 or 35 years shows this no longer to be the case. As a past participle *proven* is now about as frequent as *proved* in all contexts. As an attributive adjective

*proved or proven* gas reserves

*proven* is much more common than *proved*.

demonstrate

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The charges against him were never ***proved*** in court.

The government failed to ***prove*** its case.

It could not be ***proven*** that the suspect stole the money.



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At minimum, you will be required to show documents **proving** your full legal name, date of birth, Social Security number, two proofs of address and lawful status.

– Mary Walrath-Holdridge, *USA Today*, 30 Apr. 2025

Trump's proposal for peace in Gaza — floated and then largely dropped in recent weeks — was a U.S. government takeover of the strip, which has **proved** a security and diplomatic nightmare for Israel to manage, within and from afar, for decades.

– Michael Wilner, *Los Angeles Times*, 29 Apr. 2025

But translating that into law **proved** much harder, especially in a divided, contentious Congress.

– Andrew R. Chow, *Time*, 29 Apr. 2025

That's exactly what happened in 2022, a time when many consumers and economists were similarly sounding the recession alarm – only to be **proven** wrong.

– Matt Egan, *CNN Money*, 29 Apr. 2025

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## Etymology

Middle English, from Anglo-French *prover*, *pruver*, from Latin *probare* to test, prove, from *probus* good, honest, from *pro-* for, in favor + *-bus* (akin to Old English *bēon* to be) — more at [PRO-](#), [BE](#)

## First Known Use



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Time Traveler

The first known use of *prove* was in the 13th century

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- have (got) nothing left to prove
- prove a point
- prove oneself
- prove one's manhood
- prove one's mettle
- prove out
- prove (to be) useful
- what are you trying to prove

- groove
- move
- approve
- disprove
- improve
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- disapprove

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**1** : to test by an experiment or a standard

*prove* gold

**2 a** : to show the truth of by evidence

*prove* the charges

*proved* she could handle the job

**b** : to check the correctness of (as an arithmetic solution)

**3** : to show the genuineness of

*prove* a will

**4** : to turn out especially after trial or test

the new automobile engine *proved* to be impractical

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**1** : to test the truth, validity, or genuineness of*prove* a will at probate**2 a** : to establish the existence, truth, or validity ofthe charges were never *proved* in court**b** : to provide sufficient proof of or that*proved* the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt

'prü-və-bəl ◀▶ adjective

noun

'prü-və-blē ◀▶ adverb

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